

Travel Thirty Days On Tenancy Investigation

North Carolina Land Tenancy Commission Collects Invaluable First Hand Information in Regard to "John Smith" on Recent Western Tour

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Raleigh, Sept. 4—Thirty days of travel over something like 8,000 miles, with each day filled with strenuous work, gives an idea of the territory covered, during July and August, by members of the State Land Tenancy Commission in investigating land settlements and all the various problems confronting "John Smith" on a tour which took in a large part of the western section of the United States.

Dr. Carl C. Taylor, dean of the graduate school at State College, a member of the commission, is very enthusiastic over the results of the tour and states that the commission collected invaluable data which will be incorporated in a full report to the next General Assembly.

Accompanying Dr. Taylor on the trip were Senator D. E. Giles, of Marion, and Representative Sumner Burgwyn, of Northampton, T. L. Gwynn of Henderson, and R. M. Cox of Forsyth. Mr. Cox returned to the State after the first conference held in Washington.

Starting from Washington, where the commission spent two days interviewing experts of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Interior, the party headed westward to Chicago for a day's conference with the Illinois Tenancy Commission.

Another two days were utilized in studying tenancy problems at Madison, Wisconsin. The State of Wisconsin, according to Dr. Taylor, has perfected an admirable system of completely mapping its agricultural lands, the work being done under a state director of immigration and land settlements. The data collected is tabulated and filed for the information of prospective settlers who can be supplied with full details relative to any agricultural land in the state. While in Madison, the party also interviewed officials of both the University of Wisconsin and of the Institute for Research in Land Economics and Public Utilities.

At St. Paul and Minneapolis the commission studied the Minnesota Rural Credit Bureau, an organization established by the state to assist farmers in owning their own homes. The "Argonne Farms," a soldier settlement operated by the Federal Government, was also inspected, and the party was taken for an automobile trip of 50 miles through one of the fine Minnesota farming sections.

From Mr. Wallace, editor of "The Farmer," who is a brother of the Secretary of Agriculture, the commission secured the story of the development of the Minnesota Rural Credit Bureau. The bureau is operated by selling bonds of the state to provide a fund to lend to prospective land owners. Mr. Wallace stated that the referendum submitted to the voters creating the bureau passed by a majority of more than 190,000.

South Dakota, says Dr. Taylor, has in operation the biggest organization in the country for the relief of "John Smith." Through its Rural Credit Bureau, established in 1917 under the direction of Claud Henry, the state has issued bonds amounting to \$42,000,000. More than 11,000 farmers have borrowed from this fund to buy their homes and during the last financial depression thousands were saved from bankruptcy by having the resources of the state behind them.

The Government has established a model soldier settlement at Brookings, South Dakota, sponsored by the State Agricultural College, and still another is in operation at White Bluff, Washington. The Brookings project is a model in every respect and it is being used largely as a "laboratory" by the Government. The ex-service trainees are settled on small farms and the agricultural college is advising how each farm may be operated to the best advantage. The results obtained will be used by the Federal Government as a basis for the establishment of similar settlements in other sections of the country.

The land settlements at Delhi and Durham, California, in many respects the most famous in the world, were thoroughly investigated by the commission. Under the direction of Ellwood Mead, known internationally for the success of his colonization projects in Australia, who conceived the idea of the California settlements, the state has transformed a desert of sand into flourishing farming communities.

The amount of state credit loaned

Weaving Exhibits To Be Interesting

Carolina Cotton Mills Will Provide This Feature For State Fair

Raleigh, Sept. 4—One of the interesting features of the North Carolina State Fair this fall will be several complete weaving outfits by North Carolina cotton mills.

The Rosemary Manufacturing Company, which last year had a blue

ribbon exhibit in the shape of two highly complicated looms for making table cloths and napkins, will be back again this year with a larger assortment of machinery.

The Erlanger Cotton Mills, of Lexington, will also install a loom for the manufacture of light shirtings. Other Tar Heel cotton mills have indicated their interest in the fair, and the textile feature will be one of the distinct attractions this fall.

Mrs. Edith Vanderbilt, the bustling president, is interested in the development of the furniture industry, and is particularly interested in having exhibits at the fair, for the reason that High Point is the second largest furniture manufacturing city in America while Lenoir, another

North Carolina city, stands third.

Several furniture manufacturers have made reservations of space, and this new feature of the fair will give added interest to the plan to show what North Carolina is doing in the way of manufactures.

Reservations for space in Floral Hall, which will be given over entirely to the industrial enterprises of the State, indicate that the fair will have the most complete line of exhibits in this department in its history.

C. W. Davis of Manteo was in the city Monday on his way to New York, where he will purchase fall goods for his clothing store.

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